

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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abutting against each other, respectively. The remainder of the third embodiment is the same as in the first embodiment and hence, portions or components corresponding to those in the first embodiment are designated by like reference characters in FIG. 9 and the description of them is omitted.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

*Subj* 1. (Amended) A control lever system for a parking brake, comprising:

*A2* a control lever for the parking brake, which is mounted to a console of a vehicle for moving between an operating position (B) in which it operates the parking brake, and a releasing position (A) in which it releases the operation of the parking brake, said console being located between left and right front drivers' seats of the vehicle;

a recess that accommodates the control lever when the control lever occupies the releasing position (A),

said recess being in said console and having an open lateral face at a lateral side thereof; and

a releasing knob operative for returning the control lever from the operating position (B) to the releasing position (A), the releasing knob being disposed on a peripheral surface of a grip of the control lever, the peripheral surface being exposed in the open face of the recess when the control lever occupies the releasing position (A).